

# Connecticut SAR – 2012 Year in Review

## Town of Haddam 350th Anniversary

On Saturday, September 8th the Color Guard celebrated the 350th anniversary of the town of Haddam with an all day encampment along with other units from across the state. The Color Guard has participated in more than 25 events this year, including Bunker Hill, Patriot's Day in Concord, and 225<sup>th</sup> signing of the United States Constitution in Philadelphia!

## Recent Acquisition

The CTSSAR has recently received a very generous donation! After a visit to the Nathan Hale School House in East Haddam, Bud and Deanie Michael were kind enough to send a set of 3 hand-blown inkwells to be placed in the school house on exhibit. All three date in the 19th century. The two octagonal shaped inkwells are most likely American, while the bell-shaped one is from England.



## Nathan Hale School House, East Haddam

Thanks to the efforts of CTSSAR President, David Perkins, the stonewalls at the School House in East Haddam are coming along wonderfully! He has been working hard moving the granite pieces and is making great progress. We look forward to seeing the final product!



## Op-Sail 2012 in New London

OpSail 2012 was a great success! The hundreds of thousands of visitors that came to enjoy the event provided a wonderful opportunity for the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse to be seen by tourists. Throughout the weekend there were a total of 836 visitors to come through the school house including 647 adults and 189 kids. Go to our [facebook page](#) to view photos!

*Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made this possible: Bob L, Bob R, Phil, Debra, Mike, Todd, Lee, Randy, Bruce, Christine, Ted, Jerry, Stephen and Debbie.*

## July 4<sup>th</sup> in Connecticut

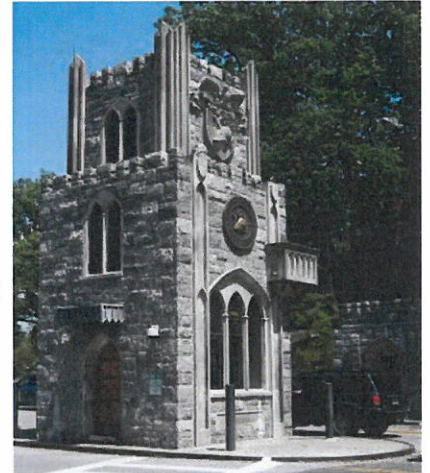
The Governor Oliver Wolcott Sr Branch celebrated July 4th by honoring Oliver Wolcott and Benjamin Talmadge at the East Cemetery in Litchfield, CT. Leading the ceremony were the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. Branch of the Sons of the American Revolution

This was a special event and at noon, the Artillery fired three shots to pay tribute to Wolcott and Tallmadge at East Cemetery. It was followed by the churches in the center of town ringing their bells 13 times at 2 p.m. to mark the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

## West Point Tour - August

There was a Walking Tour of West Point on Saturday August 11th at 10:00 am, a local staffer gave us a guided tour.

We met at the West Point Visitor's Center outside of Thayer Gate at 10am. From there we carpoled on to West Point via Thayer Gate and parked across from Trophy Point. The walking tour included visiting Fort Putnam, the Cadet Chapel, and then all of the prominent areas of interest near Trophy Point. After a late lunch at the PX, we walked up to Redoubt #4 which overlooked all of West Point and the Hudson River for one last view before leaving for Connecticut about 4pm.



## New London Grand Opening June 30th, 2012



At the Nathan Hale School House in New London, we opened up to the public our newest exhibit! There were food and drinks available and everyone there had the opportunity to hear from key people involved in the project.

Speakers at the event include Lora Innes- creator of the graphic novel *The Dreamer* and the artist for the exhibit, Steve Marshall- the man responsible for the restorations at the school house, and Walter Woodward- our Connecticut state historian.

## Merry Christmas - War Office

Our little museum in Lebanon received a big grant from the Adams Memorial Fund to the tune of \$50,000 just before the holiday. Last year's grant went towards an engineering study to investigate keeping the building standing for a long time and the water issue in the basement.

This grant will pay for the improvements needed which will remove the turnbuckle in the meeting room and put an air handler in place to keep the climate better controlled as well as stopping the water infiltration.

We are also looking forward to an archaeological dig at the original site of the building at some point.

## Lebanon Green Video

CPTV - Connecticut Public Television is doing a series of 50 short videos on great sites in Connecticut. The Lebanon Green was selected for one of them. Our Color Guard was on hand for filming at the War Office on one of the days. It will be a great help to promote our historic site.

## The Flag is Back in East Haddam

After a long struggle with the manufacturer, the flag pole in East Haddam has finally been replaced. Thank you again to Frank Romig who donated the last pole. This one was damaged in a storm two years ago. Flag Man of America from Avon took care of the replacement.

